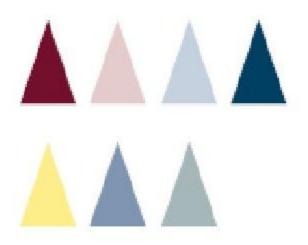




# VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

# PHASE I Club Officer Training FACILITATOR'S GUIDE



#### **Overall Recommendations for training administrators**

#### **OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. Limit all club officer training sessions to 20 participants. Divide attendees into "Novice" and "Expert" sessions. If possible, separate the first-time officers from the officers who have already done the role for 6 months but invite experienced officers to join the novice group if they like.
- 2. Provide a separate area and trainer for each officer role. Provide each training group with a closed wall area separated from any other training group.
- 3. Treat your volunteer trainers courteously and keep them informed at all times and as early in the process as possible.
- 4. When any pre-registration is done, provide the trainer with an updated list of all email addresses and names ahead of time so they may survey them. Provide updated registration information to the trainer as soon as you receive it.
- 5. Coordinate sending out pre-training survey with the trainer. The trainer may ask you to send the survey to all registrants as soon as they register with direction to return it to the trainer. The trainer may wish to contact all registrants themselves for follow-up.
- 6. Unless this is a single office or Lunch 'n' Learn single office training session. Include in all officer training events a 20 minute: "What every officer needs to know" session. Cover topics like:

  DCP review, resources that apply across all offices etc.
- 7. Use existing official resources as much as possible link to TI website and CLH manual for things like calendar.

**NOTE:** For Lunch'n'Learn trainees – who obviously do not get the overview in item 6. is - Try to videotape and publish the above for Lunch'n'Learn to preview before session

☑ Key Links: Club Leadership Handbook: <a href="http://www.toastmasters.org/CLH">http://www.toastmasters.org/CLH</a>

#### TRAINER TIPS

Read the TI Club Leadership Handbook so you can personally recommend it.
 Read the Club Leadership Handbook: <a href="http://www.toastmasters.org/CLH">http://www.toastmasters.org/CLH</a> in the week prior to conducting officer training. Then you can personally recommend that all officers read it.

#### • Remember that \*MOST\* clubs are NOT just like your club

As a trainer, expect to speak about and use examples about your experiences in your club(s). It is essential that you understand that **most clubs are different than your club(s)**. In general, it is best to discuss and impart "Best Practices" for the role of Vice President Membership to trainees unless addressing specific situations raised by individuals.

Know how to handle discussions and problem solving session
 Set the stage, get trainees approval and mange expectations.
 Announce that you will address each question asked and may invite others to also answer and contribute. Each person should stand when speaking, speak loud enough for everyone to hear and limit their comment to about 90 seconds.

• Know how to handle any question or issue raised from a trainee Take your time. **LISTEN** to the question.

If you are not 100% clear on the question or issue raised, ask the person to repeat the question. Repeat the question for all in the room to hear. Thank the person for the question. Answer it in 90 seconds or less or ask for an expert in the room to address the answer, initially in 90 seconds. Address the entire room with the answer not just the person who asked the question.

If more follow-up is indicated, repeat.

Take care that one issue does not take up more than about 5 minutes. If it is something that requires more time, document it and suggest that you will send out a researched answer within 48 hours.

# Know how to answer a question you do not know the answer for

Do not panic. Simply start with "I don't know. Pause.

Then ask if anyone else has a specific answer. Otherwise document it and suggest that you will send out a researched answer within 48 hours.

#### Know about using a data/screen projector

Most likely a projector will NOT be provided for you but you can request a blank wall or projector screen to project slides.

Purchase a remote mouse so you are free to advance slides without standing at computer.

ESSENTIAL: Review your slide deck with an experienced officer trainer if you

have not used the slide deck before. Slides with many words are generally INEFFECTIVE in transferring information for retention and understanding. Slides which contain words you will say out loud are rarely effective. Poor slide decks are worse than no slide deck in club officer training.

#### Plan When/How to hand out handouts

Arrive early enough to the training to set up the room. When the session is actually scheduled to begin, arrive first and greet people. Direct trainees to signin and pick-up handouts before they sit down. IT IS USUALLY REQUIRED THAT TRAINEES SIGN YOUR ATTENDANCE LIST TO GET CREDIT.

Label each handout clearly if it is take-home or will be used during the session.

#### Hand out a printed agenda

Unless you are using a projector and project it, and /or display it on a large whiteboard flip chart visible to all, prepare and distribute a printed agenda.

Hand out evaluation forms at the beginning of the session.

#### Learn about the facilities

Find out and write down these details:

WHERE: Venue: location, address, parking info, security access requirements WHEN: Schedule/Agenda: Date and Time: Get a full agenda for the event your training is part of

**WHAT**: **Facilities**: Find out the location and facilities in the specific room you will use. Find out what equipment is provided (e.g. flipchart, markers, whiteboard + markers, tables, chairs) there. Find out if your training area be set up for you or if set-up is required just for this event.

#### Learn about your audience

Your audience will usually be a diverse group of individuals, who have various educational and cultural backgrounds, aged from 18 to 60+.

In most cases, the participants are Toastmasters who are club officers for the current term. This may be their first time attending club officer training or they may have attended training before for either this role, or for other club officer roles.

Individuals may have more knowledge, Toastmasters and club officer experience than you - this is not a negative thing, this is something to take advantage of! You can learn about your audience by using an email or phone survey ahead of time. This will enable you to prepare best for this particular audience.

#### Get Toastmaster speech project credit!

Plan a 5-7 minute portion of your presentation as a presented topic/speech; Ask your VP for OK to do a "Speech outside of the TM Club Environment";

Pick a CC manual or advanced manual project that fits (e.g. Speaking to Inform); Ask one member in attendance to provide written and oral evaluation (later); Get manual speech credit for one section of your training presentation!

#### **Course Overview**

#### **Learning Outcomes**

When officers complete this course they will be able to:

- Know the roles and responsibilities of Vice President Memberships defined by TI
- Know about Club Central and how to access it. Be able to name the functions on Club Central which the VP membership commonly uses.
- Meet and get contact info of people who can help you with questions and issues in your role as Vice President Membership.
- Other outcomes you want to have?

#### Materials and equipment

MATERIALS	EQUIPMENT
For the Instructor:	For the Instructor:
<ul> <li>Participant handouts</li> <li>Course Evaluation Form</li> <li>Extra Pens and Pencils</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Flip charts</li> <li>Projector (if applicable)</li> <li>Projection Screen</li> <li>Laptop PC, remote presenter mouse</li> <li>Extension cord + power bar</li> </ul>

# General Guidelines & Approach to Phase 1 Training: Matching Agenda to Attendees

A sample outline for a 60-minute session might cover some (or all) of the following – approximate times follow in the suggested agendas, but can be expanded to suit the time you have been allotted:

Tab/ Appendix	Task/Objectives		
1	Intro/Ice Breaker then review agenda		
	i.e. Share an overview of your Club's Membership building Programme with		
	neighbour 1 minute each. Explain your experience and expectations for the		
	training.		
2	Review Items that every officer needs to know Review even if covered in		
	Overview session		
	- DCP defined and explained		
	- Uses of and using TI Club Central		
	- Educational Track		
	- Presenting Moments of Truth		
3	Review official requirements of the office		
4	Review deadlines / Year calendar		
	Pages 18-21 of Club Leadership Handbook		
5	DISCUSSION OF ISSUES		
	Take questions from audience or bring up topics to address. This is done as full		
	group session or you may split into smaller groups.		
6	Review List of Resources /Links		
7	Conclusion:		
	Complete Evaluation Form		
	ENSURE that all trainees have signed attendance sheet for credit		
	Confirm/Ask for permission to send contact of other attendees - create post-		
	event networking opportunities		
	Summary – Ask audience what objectives were		

**Know Your Audience!** Groups with many 'Novice' attendees require a thorough review of the role responsibilities. In Phase I training, new officers need to learn what are the responsibilities and key ideas for their office. Phase 1 training is more of an "explain and provide information" session than Phase 2 "discuss experiences, issues and solutions"

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straining, all other things being equal. Even experienced toastmasters may be new to being an officer or new to the role of VP Membership.

Training groups with many 'Experts' may prefer to spend more time discussing issues of concern. When you have a better idea of the make-up of your training group, you can adjust the times to suit the needs of the group, as noted in the following tables:

#### Training Agenda: All Novices

Tab/	Tasks	Evported Time
Appendix	Tasks	Expected Time
1	Intro/Ice Breaker then review agenda	5 minutes
2	Review Items that every officer needs to know Review even if covered in Overview session - DCP defined and explained - Uses of and using TI Club Central - Year calendar, Presenting Moments of Truth	15 minutes
3	Review official requirements of the office (See Attachment A)  If Section 2, above is covered in an overview all Officer session, use more time in this section and less in Section 2.  **( If you have more than 60 minutes – EXPAND this SECTION)	20 minutes
4	Review deadlines / Year calendar Pages 18-21 of Club Leadership Handbook	5 minutes
5	DISCUSSION OF ISSUES  Take questions from audience or bring up topics to address. This is done as full group session. Do not split into small groups. **( If you have more than 60 minutes – EXPAND this SECTION)	5 minutes
6	Review List of Resources /Links (Appendix R)	5 minutes
7	Conclusion: Complete Evaluation Form-ENSURE that all trainees have signed attendance sheet for credit Confirm/Ask for permission to send contact of other attendees - create postevent networking opportunities Summary – Confirm objectives met.	5 minutes

Training Agenda: Mixed Novices and Experts

Tab/	Tarke	Function of Times
Appendix	Tasks	Expected Time
1	Intro/Ice Breaker then review agenda Break into groups of 4 for introductions, ask people to get with people they do not know. Have 1 from each group also introduce themselves to the entire group	8 minutes
2	Review Items that every officer needs to know (SKIP THIS IF COVERED IN OVERALL TRAINING)  - DCP defined and explained - Uses of and using TI Club Central - Year calendar, Presenting Moments of	10 minutes
3	Truth  Review official requirements of the office (See Attachment A)  If Section 2, above is covered in an overview all Officer session, use more time in this section and less in Section 2.  **( If you have more than 60 minutes – EXPAND this SECTION)	20 minutes
4	Review deadlines / Year calendar Pages 18-21 of Club Leadership Handbook	3 minutes
5	DISCUSSION OF ISSUES  Select scenarios to discuss – have people break into groups according to issue  4 people to group **( If you have more than 60 minutes – EXPAND this SECTION)	10 minutes
6	Review List of Resources /Links	5 minutes
7	Conclusion: Complete Evaluation Form-ENSURE that all trainees have signed attendance sheet for credit Confirm/Ask for permission to send contact of other attendees - create postevent networking opportunities.  Summary – Confirm objectives met.	4 minutes

Training Agenda: All Experts

Tab/	Tasks	Europted Time
Appendix	LASKS	Expected Time
1	Intro/Ice Breaker then review agenda	10 minutes
	Break into groups of 4 for introductions, ask	
	people to get with people they do not know.	
	Have 1 from each group also introduce	
	themselves to the entire group	
2	<b>Review</b> Items that every officer needs to	5 minutes
	know	
	Ask for topics for discussion in this area.	40
3	Review official requirements of the office	10 minutes
	(See Attachment A) Do quick review and ask	
	for any discussion topics.	
4	Review deadlines / Year calendar	5 minutes
-	Pages 18-21 of Club Leadership Handbook	
		15 minutes
5	DISCUSSION OF ISSUES	13 minutes
	Select scenarios to discuss – have people	
	break into groups according to issue 4 people to group **( If you have more than	
	60 minutes – EXPAND this SECTION)	
6	Review List of Resources /Links	
	Neview List of Resources / Links	5 minutes
7	Conclusion:	
	Complete Evaluation Form	5 minutes
	ENSURE that all trainees have signed	
	attendance sheet for credit. <b>Invite</b> every	
	trainee to become a club officer trainer for	
	the next session. Confirm/Ask for <b>permission</b>	
	to send contact of other attendees - create	
	post-event networking opportunities	
	Summary – Ask audience what objectives	
	were	

• Task	<b>✓</b>
Confirm class location, time and number of participants	
Prepare/Print Participant Handouts	
Equipment set up (optional)	
Diagram of Room lay out (table & chairs)	
• Other	

#### Classroom Setup

- Arrive early to setup the classroom (Most people need 10-15 minutes).
   Realize that there will likely be other training right before you present.
   "Arriving early" means getting to the event during ahead of the
   "Registration/Networking/Mingling" period. If you expect to have setup time just before your session your will not be able to hear what is presented to all attendees in the common section.
- Post a "What to do when you Arrive" slide or banner. Include things like: (example ideas only)
  - o Sign in on attendance sheet
  - o Pick up (x Number of) handouts
  - o Complete Self-Assessment form 1

#### **INSTRUCTOR NOTES**

 Use these materials as you prepare for your session to the guide you during the workshop.

# A Pre-Training Survey for VP Membership

Send this survey to all pre-registered trainees.  Put copies at registration for anyone who did not complete one ahead of time.:
Name:
TM experience:
1. May we share your name and email address with other trainees? Yes / No
2. Have you held this club officer role (VP Membership) in a previous year?
Details
3. Have you held ANY other club officer role previously?
Details
4. How do you rate your knowledge and experience in this officer role?
0=No previous experience 1=some experience, lots to learn, lots of questions 2=Significant experience, more answers than questions 3=Expert level
Details:
5. We want to make this training session as effective as possible for club officers. Please rank each item below 0, 1, 2 or 3 for how important it would be for you in training.
0=No interest 1=some Interest 2=Important to me 3=Critical issue  A. What are duties of my office? Rank (0-3):
B. Large Group discussion of issues brought up: Rank (0-3):
C. Small (4-5 people) Group discussion of issues brought up by attendees Rank (0-3):?
D. How to / Issues of conducting a Club Membership Drive/Campaign Rank (0-3):
E. How to use TI website for Membership issues (download roster, add members) Rank (0-3):
F. Other issues important to you

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#### **TAB 1:**

#### **Guidelines During Training**

#### Introductions/Icebreaker guidelines/ideas

For a one-hour session, no more than 5-10 minutes should be spent on introductions. Resist the urge to have every person introduce themselves. You may ask for a few volunteers to introduce themselves or better have trainees break into groups of 3-5 and take 5 minutes to introduce themselves to their smaller group.

Introduce yourself (or have someone introduce you with a prepared introduction to read); include, your relevant background experience that establishes your credibility and passion as a trainer. For example, you may wish to mention taking this training, club officer positions held, District officer positions...

Icebreaker/Introduction ideas based on group size:

Group Size: 10 or under

- Have each individual introduce themselves to the group, citing their name, club name, and ONE concern they would like to see addressed
- Make note of these concerns as they come up (e.g., on a flipchart)

Group Size: 10 to 20

• Break into groups of three or four and have each person introduce themselves to the group

Group Size: over 20

- Break into groups of three or four and have each person introduce themselves to the group
- Also, ask the entire group by show of hands / poll to range of experience (e.g. How many have been an officer before, how many have been THIS officer before, how many are < 1 year in Toastmasters, etc.)

# **TAB 2:**

# Club Central Use for VP Membership

Login at Members Site: <a href="http://www.toastmasters.org/Members.aspx">http://www.toastmasters.org/Members.aspx</a>



If you logged in OK, your name will appear in the menu box and there will be a red button with link to Club Central. Click on Club Central:



The next page lists any/all clubs you are an official club officer in.

Name-of-Authorized-club Club - #######

Name-of-2<sup>nd</sup>- Authorized-club Club - #######

Click on the name of the club to access it in Club Central

The Club Central menu consists 11 items:

# **Conduct Club Business**

You're currently managing: 00009204 - St. Vladimir Toastmasters Club

#### Submit membership application(s) - new/dual/reinstate

#### Pay dues

Update my club meeting information

View/Update/Print my club officer information

Update my club mailing address

Submit education award(s) for club members

View/Update/Print my club membership roster

Update my club bylaws

View my club's awards

#### **View DCP reports**

Wire Transfer Instructions (PDF)

For VP Membership – you will likely make most use of the 4 items **bold** above.

The Primary one you MUST use:

Submit membership application(s) - new/dual/reinstate

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CLUB CENTRAL: ADDING A NEW MEMBER – 3 step process:

1. Confirm that you did the paperwork

I confirm that a completed new member application for this member is on file with the club and will be retained by the club. The application contains both the signature of the new member and the signature of a club officer. By affixing his/her signature on the application, the new member is certifying acceptance of the Member's Agreement and Release statement and A Toastmaster's Promise. By affixing his/her signature on the new member application, the club officer is certifying this member has joined the club and will receive proper orientation and mentoring. Questions should be directed to Member Services.



2. Identify Dual/Reinstate or add

### Add New Member

#### Search Member Name

Enter new member information below, as you would like it to appear on their record, i.e. Capitlize the first letter of both the first and last name and capitalize the middle initial if applicable. To search for a reinstated or dual member, please enter their "Last Name" and "Customer ID" or "Last Name" and "Email Address" only and then hit the "Search" button. If an exact match cannot be found, proceed with a new member entry or conduct another search.

Last Nam	ne		
First Nan	ne	-	
Middle II	nitial		
Custome	er ID	Or Email Address	
<u>S</u> earch			

3. Enter detailed member information

#### **TAB 2:**

#### THE TOASTMASTER PROGRAMME

#### Communication Track Leadership Track Competent Communicator (CC) Competent Leader (CL) An applicant must have: An applicant must have: Completed all 10 speeches from Completed all 10 projects from the the Competent Communication manual Competent Leader manual Advanced Communicator - Bronze Advanced Leader – Bronze (ALB) (ACB) An applicant must have: An applicant must have: · Achieved Competent Leader Achieved Competent Communicator · Served six months as Club Officer (or Competent Toastmaster) · Participated in preparing Club Success Plan · Completed two advanced manuals · Participated in District-sponsored training Conducted two Successful Club Series and/or Leadership Excellence Series modules Advanced Communicator – Silver (ACS) An applicant must have: Advanced Leader – Silver (ALS) · Achieved Advanced Communicator - Bronze An applicant must have: (or Advanced Toastmaster - Bronze) Achieved Advanced Leader - Bronze Completed two additional advanced manuals (or old Competent Leader award) · Conducted any two modules from "The · Served complete term as District Officer Better Speaker Series" or "The Successful · Completed High Performance Leadership Club Series" Programme · Served as Club Sponsor, Mentor, Specialist or Coach Advanced Communicator - Gold (ACG) An applicant must have: Distinguished Toastmaster · Achieved Advanced Communicator - Silver (DTM) (or Advanced Toastmaster Silver) An applicant must have: Completed two additional advanced manuals Achieved Advanced Communicator - Gold Conducted Success Leadership, Success and Communication or Youth Leadership Achieved Advanced Leader – Silver Programme · Coached a new member with first three speeches Prepared by Tony Nelson, DTM irish1277@gmail.com Educational Ambassador, District 60, 2003-05 Created: June 10, 2003 Latest Revision: June 1, 2012

#### THE TOASTMASTER PROGRAMME continued

#### ADVANCED MANUALS

- 1. The Entertaining Speaker
- 2. Speaking To Inform
- 3. Public Relations
- 4. Facilitating Discussion
- 5. Specialty Speeches
- 6. Speeches by Management
- 7. The Professional Speaker
- 8. Technical Presentations
- 9. Persuasive Speaking
- 10. Communicating On Video
- 11. Storytelling
- 12. Interpretive Reading
- 13. Interpersonal Communications
- 14. Special Occasion Speeches
- 15. Humorously Speaking

#### BETTER SPEAKER SERIES

Designed as 10 minute educational speeches that give practical tips to benefit all members.

- 1. Beginning Your Speech
- 2. Concluding Your Speech
- 3. Controlling Your Fear
- 4. Impromptu Speaking
- Selecting Your TopicKnow Your Audience
- 7. Organizing Your Speech
- 8. Creating An Introduction
- 9. Preparation and Practice
- 10. Using Body Language

#### SUCCESSFUL CLUB SERIES

Modules address the subject of quality Club meetings and offer tips on attracting and maintaining members. (10 - 20 minutes)

- 1. The Moments of Truth
- 2. Finding New Members For Your Club
- 3. Evaluate To Motivate
- 4. Closing The Sale
- 5. Creating The Best Club Climate
- 6. Meeting Roles and Responsibilities
- 7. Mentoring
- 8. Keeping The Commitment
- 9. Going Beyond The Club
- 10. How To Be A Distinguished Club
- The Toastmasters Educational Programme

#### SUCCESS / LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

Modules designed to help participants develop and refine their leadership skills. (60 - 90 min)

- 1. How To Conduct Productive Meetings
- 2. Parliamentary Procedure In Action
- 3. Leadership
  - Part 1: Characteristics of Effective Leaders
  - Part 2: Developing Your Leadership Skills
- Part 3: Working In The Team Environment
- 4. Improving Your Management Skills

#### SUCCESS / COMMUNICATION PROGRAMMES

Modules designed to help participants to refine their communication skills.

- 1. Speechcraft (4, 6 or 8 sessions)
- 2. How To Listen Effectively (2 1/2 3 hr.)
- 3. The Art of Effective Evaluation (2 1/2 3 hr.)
- 4. Building Your Thinking Power
  - Part 1: Mental Flexibility (2 1/2-3 hr.)
  - Part 2: The Power of Ideas (2-2 1/2 hr.)
- From Speaker To Trainer (4½ hr.)
   Youth Leadership (several sessions)

#### LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE SERIES

Modules designed to help participants develop skills to be successful leaders. (less than 1 hr)

- 1. The Visionary Leader
- 2. Developing A Mission
- 3. Values and Leadership
- 4. Goal Setting and Planning
- 5. Delegate To Empower
- 6. Building A Team
- 7. Giving Effective Feedback
- 8. The Leader As A Coach
- 9. Motivating People
- 10. Service and Leadership
- 11. Resolving Conflict

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# **TAB 2:**

#### DCP: DISTRINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM

# **CLUB SUCCESS PLAN WORKSHEET**

ACTIVITY	GOAL	STRATEGY	RESOURCES	ASSIGNMENT	START	COMPLE	ACTUAL COMPLETION
(1) CC	2 Name Name	Determine which members are in a position to achieve CC status by 6/30/2013. Encourage new members to complete manual projects. Make sure the club meets twice a month so members have speaking opportunities.	Club members progress list	President and VPE will track members scheduled to receive their CC	07/01/2012		Name 1- Name 2-
(2) Additional CC	2 or more Name Name	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	07/01/2012		Name 3 Name 4
(3) AC( Bronze, Silver, Gold)	1 Name	Determine which member is in a position to achieve AC status by 6/30/2013. Provide any assistance necessary.	Club members progress list	President and VPE will track members scheduled to receive their AC	07/01/2012		Name 1
(4) Additional AC ( Bronze, Silver, Gold)	1 or more Name	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	07/01/2012		Name 2
(5) CL, AL (Bronze, Silver) or DTM	1 Name	Determine which officer is in a position to achieve CL status by 6/30/2013. Provide any assistance necessary.	Club members progress list	Prsident and VPE will track CL status	07/01/2012		Name 1
(6) Additional CL, AL (Bronze, Silver) or DTM	1 or more  Name	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	07/01/2012		Name 2
(7) New Members	4	Develop membership campaign Bulletin Board Assign mentors to new members	Membership applications	VP-Membership and Membership Committee. VP- PR will work to promote club.	07/01/2012		Names of 4 new members
(8) Additional New Members	4 or more	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	07/01/2012		Names of additional new members
(9) Club officer training - June 2010 and February 2011	At least 4 officers trained during each session	Plan for ALL Officers to attend training.	TI Attendance Records	Club President will coordinate	07/01/2012		Names of officers attending taining in JuneAuly.  Manes of officers atending training in January/February
(10) Membership Reports and Club Officer Lists	Membership Report and Club Difficer List submitted by dealines	Semiannual dues and membership list must be received at World Headquarters by 5 pm PT October 1 and by 5 pm PT April 1. The club should strive to submit both reports online and by District Deadline of September 15 and March 15 respectively. Only those members who pay dues to Toastmasters International are recognized as members of the club.  Officer lists must be received by Toastmasters International by June 30.	Report forms are mailed to club Presidents of record in May	Secretary/Treasurer will coordinate	07/01/2012		

# **Tab 2:**

# **Moments of Truth**

#### **First Impressions**

Guests greeted warmly and introduced to officers and members Guest book and name tags provided Professionally arranged meeting room Convenient meeting location Guests invited to address the club Guests invited to join

#### **Membership Orientation**

Formal induction, including presentation of membership pin and manuals Assignment of mentor
Education programs and recognition system discussed
Learning needs assessed
Speaking role(s) assigned
Member involved in all aspects of club activities

#### Fellowship, Variety, and Communication

Guests greeted warmly and made welcome
Enjoyable and educational meetings planned
Regularly scheduled social events
Members participate in area, district, and International events
Inter-club events encouraged
Club newsletter / website published and updated regularly

#### **Program Planning and Meeting Organization**

Program and agenda publicized in advance
Members know program responsibilities and are prepared to carry out all assignments
All projects are manual projects
Meetings begin and end on time
Creative Table Topics™ and activities
Positive and helpful evaluations
THE SUCCESSFUL CLUB SERIES • MOMENTS OF TRUTH 3

#### **Membership Strength**

Club has 20 or more members
Members are retained
Promotion of club in the community or within its organization
Club programs varied and exciting
Toastmasters sponsoring new members recognized
Regular membership-building programs

#### **Achievement Recognition**

Award applications immediately submitted to World Headquarters Progress charts displayed and maintained Member achievements formally recognized with ceremony Club, district, and International leaders recognized Club and member achievements publicized DCP is used for planning and recognition

# **TAB 3:**

#### **VP Membership Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **Before Club Meetings**

- Make a list of the new members who have joined the club since the last meeting, and contact the club president to coordinate an induction ceremony at the next meeting.
- Prepare a few promotional packets to distribute to guests at the meeting.
- Contact former guests who have not joined and members who have not been attending recent meetings, and gently persuade and encourage them to come to the next club meeting.

#### **Upon Arrival at Club Meetings**

- Greet all guests and members at the door, and welcome them to the meeting.
- Provide all guests with Toastmasters promotional literature.
- Answer any questions guests may have about the club.

#### **After Club Meetings**

- Meet with guests to answer questions and explain the benefits of Toastmasters.
- Invite guests to join the club or to attend another club meeting if they are hesitant to join.
- Help guests who do wish to join to complete the Membership Application (Item 400). http://www.toastmasters.org/memberapp.aspx

#### **TAB 4:**

#### Important Tasks

#### JUNE

Start: First-round club officer

training for Distinguished Club credit

JUNE 30

Due: Club officer list to WHQ via

Club Central

- Complete a Club Success

Plan (Item 1111)

- Create a club budget
- Ask club members to serve on committees, such as an education, membership, or public relations committee

#### JULY 1

Start: Toastmasters year, DCP year

#### **AUGUST 1**

Start: Smedley Award Membership building contest

#### SEPTEMBER

Hold Club Contests:

Table Topics and Humorous Speech

#### OCTOBER

#### **NOVEMBER**

#### DECEMBER

Attend club officer training

Clubs with semi-annual terms:
Meet with the outgoing club
leadership
team to coordinate a
smooth transfer
Attend club officer training
Complete a Club Success
Plan (Item 1111)
Create a club budget
Ask club members to serve on
committees such as an education,
membership, or public relations committee
Provide the bank with a new Signature card

#### **Tab 5:**

#### Discussion Scenarios for VP Membership

1. **Scenario**: Your club is experiencing rapid turnover in membership; members sign up, stay for a few weeks, then move on.

**Possible solutions**: Encourage members to keep meetings lively, to start and end on time, to keep a positive atmosphere, and to mix it up from time to time with a special event, such as a costume party or guest speaker. Contact lapsed club members and invite them to a special event. Nominate a "Snackmaster" to bring food to each meeting. Always recognize member achievements—even the small ones Keep new guests coming in to replace lapsed members.

2. **Scenario**: Your club loses members during summer and winter holidays.

**Possible solutions**: Schedule a club special event in January and September; make a special effort to contact all members after they return from their vacations.

3. Scenario: You suffer a sudden loss of members in your company club due to layoffs.

**Possible solutions**: Organize a Speechcraft for the company to attract new members. Make sure the club meetings are mentioned on the company intranet, in newsletters, and so on.

- 4. **Issue**: How to close a sales / get a prospect to join without feeling pushy? How soon is it appropriate to ask/invite a prospect to join?
- 5. **Issue**: What makes a great and not overwhelming guest packet?
- 6. **Issue**: ONBOARDING: What makes a great and not overwhelming New Member packet? What should be done with new members in first weeks, months?.
- 7. **Issue**: How to plan a membership drive as a true club effort. With that, teaching club members to interact with guests and sell the club.
- 8. **Issue**: OVERBOARD members: How to keep in touch with absentee members and have that frank, open dialogue, so that root cause can be revealed.
- 9. **Issue**: How do you prepare a successor for your office

#### **TAB 6**

#### Resources

- Club Constitution and Bylaws: Has Your Club made and Modifications? http://www.toastmasters.org/clubconstandbylaws
- Club Officer Essentials online training http://www.toastmasters.org/ClubOfficerEssentials
- Toastmasters International: <u>www.toastmasters.org</u>
- Club Leadership Handbook: <a href="http://www.toastmasters.org/CLH">http://www.toastmasters.org/CLH</a>
- The Monthly "Leader Letter" <a href="http://www.toastmasters.org/LeaderLetter">http://www.toastmasters.org/LeaderLetter</a>
- Speech Contest Rulebook (Digital) (Item 1171DCD) www.toastmasters.org/1171DCD
- District 60 Toastmasters: www.toastmasters60.org
- Membership Building 101: <a href="http://www.toastmasters.org/NonNavigableDocs/MembershipBuilding">http://www.toastmasters.org/NonNavigableDocs/MembershipBuilding</a>

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- Membership Growth
   http://www.toastmasters.org/1159 MembershipGrowth
- For more information regarding training:
   District 60's Lt. Governor of Education & Training

Email: <a href="mailto:lget@toastmasters60.org">lget@toastmasters60.org</a>

# **TAB 7:**

# **COURSE EVALUATION FORM**

Evaluation Form for Participants

Please help us improve the training workshop by responding candidly to the following statements:

Please help us improve the traini	ng workshop by responding candid	ly to the following statements:
Scale Definition: 1 – Strongly Disa	gree 2 – Disagree 3 – Neither Ag	ree nor Disagree 4 – Agree 5 – 1 2 3 4 5
Course objectives were well com	municated	1 2 3 4 5
The training was built to match t	1 2 3 4 5	
Adequate time was allotted for ex	xplanations/practice	1 2 3 4 5
The training materials were well	written	1 2 3 4 5
Job aids are available to support	what I lea <del>r</del> ned	1 2 3 4 5
I know where to get assistance at	fter the training is complete	1 2 3 4 5
Overall the class was satisfactory		1 2 3 4 5
What did you like most about the	e class?	
How can we improve the class?		
Do you have any additional ques	tions regarding this topic?	
If you wish us to contact you, ple	ease provide the following informat	ion:
Name	Email	Telephone Number